AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 6, 11, 13, and 16 to 33 without prejudice or disclaimer of subject matter, amend claims 1 to 5, 7 to 10, 12, 14, and 15, and add new claims 34 to 40. This listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A method comprising:

~~determining a media asset, the media asset including content and content metadata, the content metadata having been associated with a term within the content;~~

generating discrete media assets from received information, each media asset including content, the content including a plurality of discussion objects;

generating content metadata for each media asset at an article reader based upon the content;

automatically linking at least one of the plurality of discussion objects with ~~establishing~~ a discussion forum associated with the at least one of the plurality of discussion objects ~~associated with the term, based on the term and the content metadata~~;

comparing the content metadata to a filtering database at a content-based router;

filtering media assets at the content-based router based upon comparing the content metadata to the filtering database;

comparing the filtered media assets to a user preference database storing media asset preference information for a user, at a personalized article processor;

individually prioritizing the filtered media assets for the user into prioritized media assets at the personalized article processor based upon comparing the content metadata of the filtered media assets to the user preference database;

~~linking the term and the discussion forum; and~~

~~delivering the~~ outputting at least one individually prioritized media ~~asset~~ asset, ~~including the term linked to the discussion forum,~~ to a first the user; and

registering the user with the discussion forum linked to at least one of the plurality of

discussion objects included in the at least one individually prioritized media asset.

2.   (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1 further comprising: ~~wherein delivering the media asset to the first user comprises~~:

distinguishing the ~~term~~ discussion object within a first user display associated with the first user; ~~and~~

~~accepting~~ receiving a first selection of the ~~term~~ discussion object ~~by the first~~ from the user; and

outputting a page associated with the discussion forum based upon receiving the first selection.

3.   (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein registering the user ~~claim 2~~ further comprises ~~comprising~~ providing a discussion forum membership option to the user ~~first user, based on the first selection~~.

4.   (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, ~~claim 2~~ further comprising: ~~comprising delivering the media asset to a second user, wherein delivering the media asset to the second user comprises~~:

distinguishing ~~the term~~ a second discussion object within a second user display associated with a second ~~the second~~ user; and

~~accepting~~ receiving a second selection of the ~~term~~ second discussion object from ~~by the~~ second user.

5.   (Currently Amended) The method of claim 4, further comprising ~~wherein determining the media asset comprises determining~~ outputting at least a first media asset ~~and~~ a second individually prioritized media asset to the second user, ~~each containing the term~~.

6.   (Cancelled)

7.   (Currently Amended) The method of ~~claim 6~~ claim 2 further comprising:

~~registering the first user as a member of the discussion forum;~~

~~accepting~~ <u>receiving</u> posting information from <u>the user</u> ~~users~~; and

publishing the posting information on the discussion forum.

8.   (Currently Amended) The method of claim 7 further comprising establishing a user page ~~that is~~ uniquely associated with the ~~first~~ user, ~~wherein establishing the user page comprises including~~ the posting information <u>being included</u> within the user page.

9.   (Currently Amended) The method of claim 8 wherein the posting information <u>includes</u> ~~includes only~~ postings published by the ~~first~~ user on the discussion forum.

10.   (Currently Amended) The method of claim 8<u>, further comprising</u> ~~wherein including the posting information comprises~~ rendering the posting information with an ordering ~~that is~~ determined based on preference information about content of the posting information ~~that is associated with the first user~~.

11.   (Cancelled)

12.   (Currently Amended) The method of ~~claim 8~~ <u>claim 4, further comprising:</u>
     <u>receiving posting information from the second user;</u> ~~wherein the posting information includes a posting published by the second user, and further wherein~~
     <u>publishing the posting information from the second user in the discussion forum;</u>
     <u>displaying</u> the posting <u>from the second user</u> ~~is located~~ on the user page based on user-specific preference information that <u>a plurality of</u> users <u>registered with the discussion forum</u> have entered with respect to the second user.

13.   (Cancelled)

14.   (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1 ~~wherein:~~
     <u>wherein</u> the content metadata includes preference indication information, and

wherein ~~establishing the discussion forum associated with the term comprises registering~~ the ~~first user~~ <u>is registered</u> ~~as a member of~~ <u>with</u> the discussion forum based on ~~preference information received from the first user with respect to~~ the preference indication information.

15.   (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1 wherein

<u>wherein</u> the content metadata includes membership indication information, and ~~wherein establishing the discussion forum associated with the term comprises~~

<u>wherein</u> ~~registering~~ the first user ~~as a member of~~ <u>is registered with</u> the discussion forum based on ~~preference information received from the first user with respect to~~ the membership indication information.

16. to 33. (Cancelled)

34.   (New) The method of claim 1, wherein registering the user with the discussion forum is based on a user interaction with the content metadata.

35.   (New) The method of claim 1, further comprising receiving a preference indication from the user related to the discussion object.

36.   (New) The method of claim 35 wherein the user is registered with the discussion forum based on the received preference indication from the user.

37.   (New) The method of claim 35 wherein the user enters the preference indication through a pop-up window displayed when the user selects the discussion object.

38.   (New) The method of claim 7, further comprising:

receiving opinions related to the published posting information; and

displaying the published posting information to additional users registered with the discussion forum based on the received opinions.

39. (New) A computer program product tangibly embodied in a machine-readable storage medium, wherein the computer program comprises instructions that, when read by a machine, operate to cause a data processing apparatus to:

generate discrete media assets from received information, each media asset including content, the content including a plurality of discussion objects;

generate content metadata for each media asset at an article reader based upon the content;

automatically link at least one of the plurality of discussion objects with a discussion forum associated with the at least one of the plurality of discussion objects;

compare the content metadata to a filtering database at a content-based router;

filter media assets at the content-based router based upon comparing the content metadata to the filtering database;

compare the filtered media assets to a user preference database storing media asset preference information for users, at a personalized article processor;

prioritize, individually, the filtered media assets for the users into prioritized media assets at the personalized article processor based upon comparing the content metadata of the filtered media assets to the user preference database;

output at least one individually prioritized media asset to a user; and

register the user with a discussion forum linked to a discussion object included in the at least one individually prioritized media asset.

40. (New) A device comprising:

a content generator configured to:

generate discrete media assets from received information, each media asset including content, the content including a plurality of discussion objects, and

generate content metadata for each media asset at an article reader based upon the content;

an information module configured to:

automatically link at least one of the plurality of discussion objects with a discussion forum associated with the at least one of the plurality of discussion objects, and

outputting at least one individually prioritized media asset to a user;

a content-based router configured to:

compare the content metadata to a filtering database at a content-based router, and

filter media assets at the content-based router based upon comparing the content metadata to the filtering database;

a personalized article processor configured to:

compare the filtered media assets to a user preference database storing media asset preference information for users, at a personalized article processor, and

individually prioritize the filtered media assets for the users into prioritized media assets at the personalized article processor based upon comparing the content metadata of the filtered media assets to the user preference database;

a discussion forum engine configured to register the user with a discussion forum linked to a discussion object included in the at least one individually prioritized media asset.